

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

JUNE 7, 2020

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.

— JOHN 3:16A



Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another,
live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for June 8 - 14, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
June 8	Fr. Baker	St. Cletus Parishioners
June 9	Fr. Gamboa	Alice Lihosit
June 10	Fr. Gamboa	Virginia Rachford
June 11	Fr. Clark	St. Cletus Parishioners
June 12	Fr. Baker	Harriet Baczynski
June 13	Fr. Clark	Frank Baggio
June 14	Fr. Gamboa	Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda, Stacy Baker, Lorraine Olszewski, Harriet Baczynski, Dorothy Dybas, Richard Kozelka

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

June - Frank Colonna, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek

May - Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa

April - Wacław Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We continue to celebrate Mass from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

A CALL TO PRAYER



Providing a Light in the Darkness - Prayer can help to strengthen our bonds with one another and with God, regardless of our faith identities. By turning to prayer, we call forth a light in the darkness.

Who we are: Volunteers from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany anyone feeling the need to pray during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you - opening our hearts to God, asking for his blessings and peace.

We are available at: 312.741.3388

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Parishioner Guide - What to Expect

While we are still a few weeks away from parishes reopening, we wanted to share with you information the Archdiocese of Chicago published as a Parishioner Reopening Guide.

Please note that while our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

TIPS FOR ALL WORSHIPERS

What to Expect



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



Check your temperature: if you have one, please do not come to church.



Stay home if you are ill.



Make sure you have a face covering to bring and wear.



Remember to bring your registration if you are not already on a list of attendees.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE



Enter only in marked doorways.



Wait patiently to be checked in by greeter.



Keep your face covering or mask on at all times except for receiving Communion.



Sanitize your hands as directed by greeter.



Observe social distancing at all times (look for marks on the floor).



Ushers will direct you to pews with markings showing where to sit.



Since there will be no passing of baskets for your offering please leave your offering in the boxes provided at the entrance and exit areas.

DURING THE SERVICE



Do not change seats during a service.



There will be no passing of offering baskets.



No physical sign of peace will be exchanged during Mass.



Follow instructions for Communion:

- Leave your seat only when directed by usher or greeter.
- Maintain six feet social distancing in the Communion line – look for marks on the floor.
- When 12 feet or two people away from the priest, sanitize your hands using the sanitizer from the usher. After sanitizing do not touch any surfaces.
- Approach the priest only after you are called forward. DO NOT remove your face covering.
- Extend a single hand to receive the Host.
- After moving six feet to the right or left, remove your mask and consume the Host.
- Replace your face covering or mask.
- Follow instructions to return to your pew.

AFTER THE SERVICE



Please take any worship aids you may have brought with you.



You will be dismissed by pew or seating area. Follow the instructions of the greeter or usher.



Use only the designated exit doors.



Do not congregate outside the church doors.



Continue to wear your face covering or mask until you leave the area where worshipers are.



Statements from Cardinal Cupich

STATEMENT OF CARDINAL BLASE J. CUPICH, ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO, ON THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD AND ITS AFTERMATH

May 31, 2020 - The past nights I have watched in great personal pain as the pent-up anger of our people caught fire across our country. I saw the city where I was born, the cities where I have lived, the city I pastor now, catch embers from the city where I was educated and burn. Was I horrified at the violence? Yes. But was I surprised? No.

As the saying goes, if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention. What did we expect when we learned that in Minneapolis, a city often hailed as a model of inclusivity, the price of a black life is a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill? When we added another name to the list of those murdered for being black or for caring about the marginalized?

I will not pretend to speak with any authority about the challenges people of color experience in our society. I do not share the fear they put on when they and their children leave their homes every day. I do not know what it means to be "other." But I know there is a way to fix it. And the fix begins when we stop talking about the proportionality of "their" response and start talking about the proportionality of "ours." Surely a nation that could put a man in space, his safety assured by the brilliance of black women, can create a fair legal system, equitable education and employment opportunities and ready access to health care. Laws do not solve problems, but they create a system where racism in all its forms is punished and playing fields are leveled.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been called a great equalizer. It has been even more a great revealer of societal cancers as deadly as the virus. As others have pointed out, health insecurity kills, and poverty is poison. We can and must make a society that views the soaring of a child's potential with more joy than the soaring of a rocket.

I stand ready to join religious, civic, labor and business leaders in coming together to launch a new effort to bring about recovery and reconciliation in our city. We do not need a study of the causes and effects. Those answers can be found on the shelves of government offices and academic institutions across our burning nation. No, we need to take up the hard work of healing the deep wound that has afflicted our people since the first slave ships docked on this continent. And we need to start today.

REMARKS FOR GOVERNOR'S MEETING WITH FAITH LEADERS

June 2, 2020 - Last week we had a death in the family – our brother George was murdered. We should mourn. We should be angry and hurt. And, we should heed the wishes of the Floyd family, and not dishonor his gentle memory by spreading the sickness of violence.

Rather, we need peaceful action to stop the hatred that has ended the lives of countless black Americans. There is power in peace. Nonviolence has toppled empires and corrected injustice, and it can work again. Remember, mercy is not weakness. Cruelty is not strength.

But, peaceful action also means justice, setting things right, which is where any discussion of a proportionate response must start.

Melodious and smooth words will not do. We urgently need to reform the laws that underpin the organized oppression of establishment of exclusion. We must pass legislation that guarantees equal opportunity for employment and access to quality education and health care. But better policies and reforms will only be as effective as the conversion of hearts. For what lives in the hearts of those who make and enforce our laws matters as much as the laws themselves.

We know there is a contagion spreading across the land, not only the coronavirus, but racism. We can stop it. And that begins by making the unwavering commitment today to cleanse our hearts so that it will not infect our homes, and our children. There is no room for bystanders here, because this virus threatens us all. Racism is the red thread that runs through the binding that holds America back from reaching its promise: equality and justice for all.

Its costs can be measured in lost educational attainment, poor health outcomes and diminished employment opportunity. But its greatest cost is the toll it exacts on our national soul.

This is why we must resolve to turn this heartbreak into action. And people of faith need to take the lead, for we know that even the darkest deeds can be redeemed by love. And love is what is called for now.

It is not the love of transactional friendships and cheap associations made by the click of a mouse button or an easy retweet. Signpost solidarity will not do. Only the hard work of familial love will set us on the path toward justice. The love we read about in Scripture. The love God has for his children, every one of us, even when we fail — especially when we fail. God knows how we can fail in our humanity, but even more, God knows how we can build it up. So, let us show God, show ourselves, show all our brothers and sisters, the neighbors we know and the ones we will never meet, how deeply we can love.

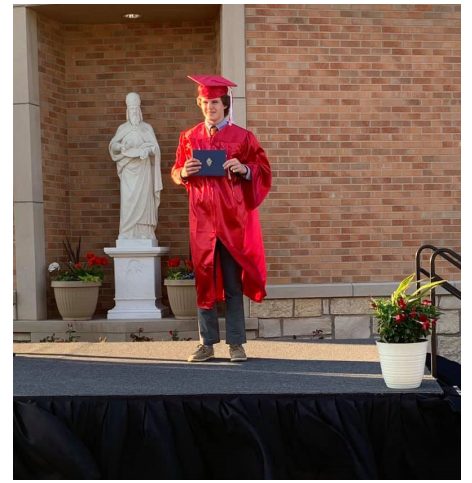
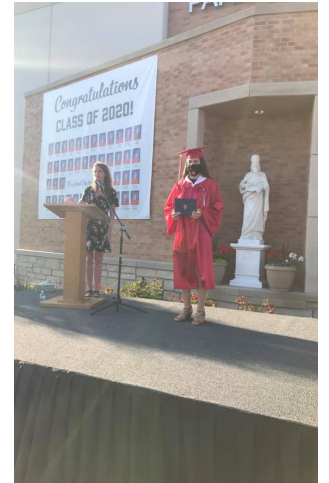
St. Cletus School

Congratulations St. Cletus School CLASS OF 2020!

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Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Gloves (all sizes)
- Canned fruit
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Canned meals (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



Follow us on facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Gift Cards in May:

Thanks to your generosity we were able to distribute \$10 gift cards to every household that came to the Food Pantry during May! That means we gave out almost \$3,000 in gift cards to Jewel & Walmart.

Since Mid-March we have been providing pre-packed bags of food to our clients. We are grateful we still have this option and we know it is safest. However, we also know that 'client choice', our previous system, where people come to shop through and choose exactly what they want, was the better way. These gift cards help our clients get exactly what they need and want for their families.

Thank you!



The Townsend Family joined us at food pantry distribution! We had a great time catching up with these wonderful helpers!

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are getting ready to start another growing season in our garden! We have 10 raised beds that will soon be filled with veggies!

This year, we are looking for volunteers to help us weed and water a few days each week. Later in the season, we will also share opportunities to sign up to volunteer to harvest the produce and help prepare it for our food pantry distribution.

Since slots fill quickly, we will release one month at a time to give people an opportunity to sign up.

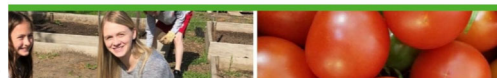
We hope you enjoy some time outdoors helping us grow healthy, local, organic, delicious produce for those who come to the pantry.



St. Cletus Food Pantry Needs

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us at: <https://bit.ly/2zutb9P>



NEW MINISTRY -UNEMPLOYED TOGETHER

The pandemic has sadly created unemployment and reduced employment for several in our communities.

Unemployment is not just an economic problem; it impacts ones sense of worth, security and spirit. It can be a spiritual challenge as it affects people at every level. It affects ones well being.

St. Cletus Parish is launching a virtual small faith group called "Unemployed Together". It is to help those facing the same challenge of unemployment to grow in faith and relationship with Christ through the lens of this exceptionally challenging moment in his/her life.

Unemployed Together

during the COVID-19 Shutdown

All are welcome! - The small group will meet weekly, virtually via Zoom video conferencing. An invitation to the Zoom video meeting will be emailed to you the week that the sessions begin. Meetings will be held on either Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. You can choose which time works best for your schedule when you register. Sessions will run from June 9 & 10 to July 14 & 15. Each session will last one hour.

Please go the parish website (stcletusparish.com) to sign up for this new virtual small faith sharing group!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have cut back on our number of volunteer slots at the St. Cletus Food Pantry, in order to keep within recommended social distancing guidelines. This means our slots have been filling quickly. THANK YOU! If you haven't been able to grab one of our volunteer slots, considering volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. They are in need of volunteers! PLUS, let them know you are from St. Cletus Food Pantry and you will earn \$15 for the pantry each time you volunteer! This helps us reduce our food expenses at a critical time. Check out their link for volunteer eligibility information and sign up. <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer/>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Airbnb and HotelTonight to help domestic violence victims in Chicago during coronavirus pandemic

Airbnb and HotelTonight will work with anti-domestic violence workers to help domestic violence victims find a place to stay amid the coronavirus, Chicago officials announced.

Under Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's stay-at-home order, there's been an increase in domestic violence calls to the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline, and the police department has seen a 12% increase in domestic violence calls from Jan. 1 to mid-April, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office said.

Airbnb and HotelTonight will work with the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline to help people "flee a violent situation." The hotline will work with HotelTonight and The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence to place a hotel reservation on the caller's behalf, officials said.

The Network will cover the costs with money from the state, the city said.

"There is a growing need to support victims of domestic violence as there is increased demand for shelters during the pandemic, and we are pleased to work with the city of Chicago and The Network to help fill this transitional housing need," Kelley Gossett, head of Chicago Policy

for Airbnb, said in a statement. "By connecting The Network with accommodations, we hope to help Chicago domestic violence survivors get to a place to stay as quickly as possible."

Coordination of this program will be facilitated through the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline which is available to residents 24/7/365 at 877-863-6338 and The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

WORD OF LIFE



"The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Pope St. John Paul II's Challenge to Our Church"

RESPECT LIFE

Respect,
protect, love
and serve life,
every human life!

The Gospel of Life, 5

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Sunday Readings



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READING 1

Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, “LORD.” Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, “The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.” Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, “If I find favor with you, O LORD, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths

from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

READING 2

2 Cor 13:11–13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

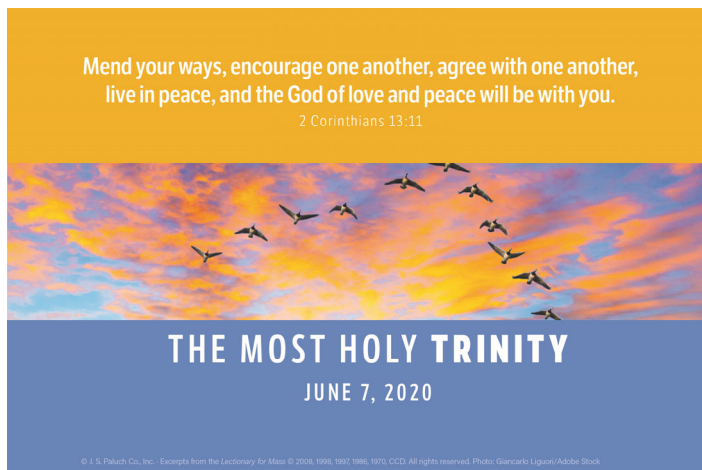
GOSPEL

Jn 3:16–18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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Sunday Notes



GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity;
Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Ephrem
Thursday: St. Barnabas
Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11;
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13;
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;
Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her.

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HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

—John Lubbock

JUNE

And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.

—James Russell Lowell

Religious Education

ORDINARY TIME IS BACK AGAIN!



The Easter Season wrapped up last Sunday with the fun and exciting feast of Pentecost! Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church, and Religious Education families had fun at home celebrating with their own Church Birthday parties. No one did a drive by Birthday Parade (at least not to my knowledge!), but they did have fun making birthday cakes and party decorations, and other fun family activities. This picture is from the Rufa Family, who made their own Birthday cake, complete with the Holy Spirit coming down in tongues of fire! How awesome!

We are now back in Ordinary Time, however, it's anything but ordinary. Ordinary Time comes from the word Ordinal, which means to count. We are counting down this time to the season of Advent. During these last few weeks, we've become very accustomed to counting down to the next big event, like the next stage where we get to resume our "new normal" or have the ability to return to church for Mass.

Let's make this Ordinary time extraordinary! Take the time to serve your neighbors, and explore your relationship with God! Grow closer to God by praying with your family, and finding fun things to do together that allow you to put God at the center of your day. We will continue to send Home Lessons each week during the month of June. They will be based on the theme of Trusting Jesus! Let's pray to Jesus, and trust Him that he will bring us through this very challenging time in our lives and our country.

For more information please contact
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Have you experienced loss during these difficult times of isolation and feel the need to come together with others to share your experience and pray together?

As Jesus comforted Martha and Mary after the death of their brother, Lazarus, our online grief groups are a place of comfort within our faith tradition. The online grief group facilitators are not counselors and do not give advice, but they will be present to listen and to guide you in prayer and reflection.

- When: Multiple dates, beginning Tuesday, May 26 for 1-1½ hours
- Languages: Available in English, Spanish, or Polish
- Technology: Via Zoom virtual gatherings
- Age Restriction: Adults only (18 years and older)

To sign up, visit archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups. Participation is subject to availability and our Terms of Use.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hallow App (<https://hallow.app/home>)

Hallow is an app for young adults that has a variety of follow-along prayer types/sessions - Examen, Daily Gospel, Stuck at Home Praylist (new for Coronavirus!), Rosary, Night Prayer, Meditations, Challenges, etc.

Archdiocese of Chicago Virtual Events

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/covid-19-virtual-events>

Archdiocese Book Clubs

Mondays at 4 p.m. (starting June 8) Spanish book club led by Carmen Arroyo. Book is "Sentiamos Arder Nuestros Corazones"

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (starting June 2) English book club led by Maggie Bahler. Book is "My Sisters, the Saints"

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (starting June 3) English book club led by Emily MacDonell. Book is "The Power of a Woman's Words"

Thursdays at 2 p.m. (starting June 4) English book club led by Dawn Fitzpatrick. Text is Evangelium Vitae

Statement from the USCCB

STATEMENT OF U.S. BISHOP CHAIRMEN IN WAKE OF DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD AND NATIONAL PROTESTS - MAY 29, 2020

WASHINGTON – Seven U.S. bishop chairmen of committees within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a statement in the wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd and the protests which have broken out in Minneapolis and in other cities in the United States.

Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez of Philadelphia, chairman of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church; Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Bishop Joseph C. Bambera of Scranton, chairman of the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; Bishop David G. O’Connell, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, chairman of the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development; and Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, chairman of the Subcommittee on African American Affairs have issued the following statement:

We are broken-hearted, sickened, and outraged to watch another video of an African American man being killed before our very eyes. What’s more astounding is that this is happening within mere weeks of several other such occurrences. This is the latest wake-up call that needs to be answered by each of us in a spirit of determined conversion.

Racism is not a thing of the past or simply a throwaway political issue to be bandied about when convenient. It is a real and present danger that must be met head on. As members of the Church, we must stand for the more difficult right and just actions instead of the easy wrongs of indifference. We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.

While it is expected that we will plead for peaceful non-violent protests, and we certainly do, we also stand in passionate support of communities that are understandably outraged. Too many communities around this country feel their voices are not being heard, their complaints about racist treatment are unheeded, and we are not doing enough to point out that this deadly treatment is antithetical to the Gospel of Life.

As we said eighteen months ago in our most recent pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, for people of color some interactions with police can be fraught with fear and even danger. People of good conscience must never turn a blind eye when citizens are being deprived of their human dignity and even their lives. Indifference is not an option. “As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue.”

We join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis in praying for the repose of the soul of Mr. George Floyd and all others who have lost their lives in a similar manner. We plead for an end to the violence in the wake of this tragedy and for the victims of the rioting. We pray for comfort for grieving families and friends. We pray for peace across the United States, particularly in Minnesota, while the legal process moves forward. We also anticipate a full investigation that results in rightful accountability and actual justice.

We join our brother bishops to challenge everyone to come together, particularly with those who are from different cultural backgrounds. In this encounter, let us all seek greater understanding amongst God’s people. So many people who historically have been disenfranchised continue to experience sadness and pain, yet they endeavor to persevere and remain people of great faith. We encourage our pastors to encounter and more authentically accompany them, listen to their stories, and learn from them, finding substantive ways to enact systemic change. Such encounters will start to bring about the needed transformation of our understanding of true life, charity, and justice in the United States. Hopefully, then there will be many voices speaking out and seeking healing against the evil of racism in our land.

As we anticipate the Solemnity of Pentecost this weekend, we call upon all Catholics to pray and work toward a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for a supernatural desire to rid ourselves of the harm that bias and prejudice cause. We call upon Catholics to pray to the Holy Spirit for the Spirit of Truth to touch the hearts of all in the United States and to come down upon our criminal justice and law enforcement systems. Finally, let each and every Catholic, regardless of their ethnicity, beg God to heal our deeply broken view of each other, as well as our deeply broken society.

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RACISM IS A MORAL PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES A MORAL REMEDY — A TRANSFORMATION OF THE HUMAN HEART — THAT IMPELS US TO ACT.

✝ OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS, 20

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Music Ministry

This weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. Specific readings for this weekend were established after the Second Vatican Council which ordered a change in the Sunday readings at Mass so that Catholics would become more familiar with the text of the Bible. As a result, we now have a three-year cycle. This week our 2nd Reading is from 2 Corinthians 13 in which Saint Paul writes: “Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” Considering the recent demonstrations and violence throughout our country, do you think it is just a coincidence that this is the reading for this weekend?

How often do we sing in church “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.” or “Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me...” or “We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God!”

In my position here at St. Cletus I am given the opportunity and responsibility to choose songs which relate to the scripture readings, to the solemnity being observed, to the “theme” of a particular liturgy. Taking that one step further, I would like to suggest that as some restrictions regarding the isolation we have known for the past ten weeks are relaxed, that we stay mindful of our masks and social distancing AND in addition to that, keep these words of St. Francis in our hearts: “Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury your pardon; where there is despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is sadness ever joy...”

May God bless us and always offer us opportunities to be instruments of His peace and love during these very difficult times.

Karen

Worship Ministry

SAINT JOHN’S ABBEY REFLECTION

Psalm 62: “In you alone is my soul at rest. My help comes from you.”

Cindy, writing from New England, confesses: “I have been feeling sorry for myself.

A bit later this May I was supposed to go to the Willamette area in Oregon, give a paper at a conference, hang out with friends, spend a week with my son, and then rent a car and with a retired prof from New Haven drive down the Coast toward Monterey, etc.

Of course, all that is off the table. In my struggle not to whine there’s been a deepening of gratitude.”

She goes on to say that she realizes more and more that gratitude, the opposite of whining or self-pity, is a hard practice – like daily exercise – not simply a feeling.

“Your continued use of Psalm 62 has reminded me of this, and how this practice makes a difference in the day. . . . And, of course it is true that most of the planet is really, really suffering – and me? I’m disappointed in my travel plans!

Instead, I can talk to God – even complain a bit to God. How lucky I am to know that God’s there to complain to!”

Like Cindy, a colleague and I made reservations in Febru-

ary to see alumni, to have an event, etc., in the California Bay Area. All that is shadowed in the Covid-19 shroud of uncertainty. And we can do very little about it though, of course, self-pity is always an easy option!

These are times when it’s good to hear (phone, FaceTime, Zoom, email, note in the mail, etc.) from a friend with a positive, a hopeful attitude, or to find among your companions in quarantine a smiling face, an upbeat mood – even in the staff!

The family of a deceased Michael G. wrote this of their father: his life rested on one consistent pillar, his Catholic faith. (I think we could expand that to refer to the faith of any believer, whatever faith.) He described faith as “the bird who sees the light and sings while the dawn is still dark.” Why not: hope is the bird who sees the light and sings while the dawn is still dark?

Psalm 27: “I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness / in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; / be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord!”

— Don Talafous OSB
Saint John’s Abbey
www.stjohnsabbey.com

Ministry News

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

BOOK DISCUSSION



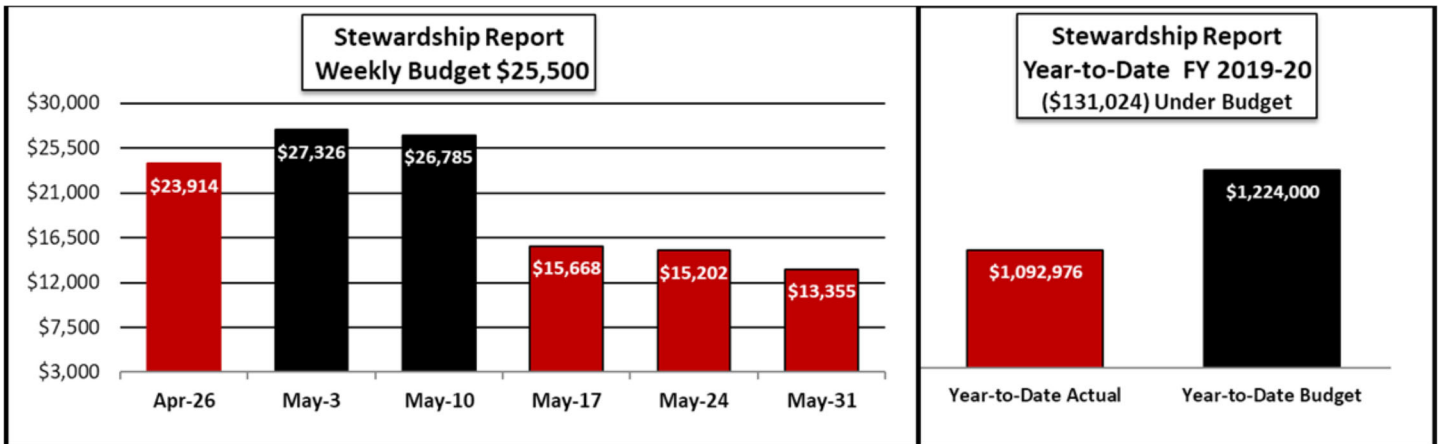
The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. June 9th.

In the likely event that we will still be following guidelines for sheltering at home, this will also be a Zoom discussion. We will discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

For those who want to look ahead, in August we will discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides; and in October *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

Stewardship Report



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St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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